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Dear Parent/Carer

## **School Attendance**

We are asking for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality.

The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted it is vital that we make every school minute count.

The Government track our school attendance figures. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence which will be closely monitored by school. Failing to improve on this 90% can lead to prosecution, which school want to help families avoid.

### **There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:**

- ✓ If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 0161 430 3418
- ✓ Avoid taking any holidays during term times
- ✓ Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (office staff will provide this for you)
- ✓ Speak to school staff with any concerns.
- ✓ Book medical appointments outside of school hours. Missing a morning or afternoon session, can have a big impact on overall attendance.

**Towards the end of this week, your child will come home with a 'Traffic Light Attendance Letter'. This letter will highlight if your child's attendance is in the **Green Standard 96-100%**, **Amber Standard 90-95.9%** or **Red Standard -Below 90%**.**

If you require any further information regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact myself via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Halfpenny  
Attendance Lead

